



VADA/Nova
Board Meeting Summary
February 8, 2021
7:15pm

Board Present: Diann Carpenter, Michelle Lachner, Kathy Curtis, Lisa Rice, Anne Harrington, Mary Callan, Sheli King, Jessie Ginsburg, Diann Landau, Judy Grass, Maloree Razzino, Rachel Rice, Carol Thomas, Dianne Boyd

Excused: Kathy Hibbard

The meeting was brought to order at 7:15 pm.

Meeting Topics

1. Licensed Shows

- a. FEI tests have changed for 2021. Old versions of the tests will be replaced in our files.
- b. Lois Yukins is unable judge at the August licensed show; she will help look for a replacement judge.
- c. May 19, 2021 Licensed one-day, mid-week show: there was discussion with Morven Park about some of the logistical details for this show, but they have been worked out. Only day stalls will be offered, and we will have the use of office space.
- d. All 2021 Licensed and Schooling shows will be listed in the Region I Omnibus

2. Board Information

- a. **Minutes**- January 2021 minutes were approved
 - o **Treasurer's Report:**
 - Reconciled Checking Balance December: \$74,114.53
 - January: \$74,327.43
 - Savings Balance December: \$45,168.46
 - January: \$45,168.84
 - PayPal: \$1,053.05
 - VN PayPal Acct at Wells Fargo: \$1,301.35
 - PAYPAL TOTAL: \$2,354.40
 - **GRAND TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS: \$121,850.67**
 - o Treasurer transition for the bank is pending approval of January minutes; PayPal funds will be transferred to the Wells Fargo account this week.
 - o A plan of action will be put together for making payments to certain vendors out of the PayPal account, as well as incorporating PayPal funds into other accounts.

b. **Members Report:**

- i. 204 members as of February 3, 2021; another renewal was received that will be donated rather than refunded.
- ii. Membership is in the process of being transferred from Anne Harrington to Rachel Rice.
- iii. Board decision is still pending from January meeting; how to use funds from paid 2021 memberships that were donated rather than refunded.

3. Year End Awards for 2021

- a. The Board agreed to review year-end Special Awards in conjunction with award sponsors to ensure that the rules are consistent and clear for 2021.
- b. For 2021 Year-End Awards, the Board discussed ways to streamline both the tracking process as well as the submission process.
- c. There was a board discussion regarding the donation or “giving” of days to riders who may be short on volunteer requirements for Year-End awards. The Board agreed that this process should be further reviewed and updated, and Board members will take this issue under consideration and offer suggestions for any changes to this process for 2022.

4. Status of Insurance

- a. Our current insurance company has reached out with quotes for 2021.
- b. For 2022, additional companies will be contacted for cost comparisons.

5. Management Platform

- a. Zoom call to be held on Feb. 10 with consultant Dawn Bellinger to discuss first steps with the ClubExpress Management Platform trial. The call will be conducted with Dawn and other Board members. They will discuss what to expect from the platform trial, and to think about how different tasks and processes interlink within the organization. This will be especially important to support the financial/Treasurer functions of VADA/Nova.

6. Schooling Shows

- a. March 20 Show entries open Feb. 19; already have 3 volunteers signed up
- b. Tests – There have been some updates in 2021 to FEI level tests. All tests in the schooling show test files will be assessed and updated as needed by the Schooling Show Equipment Manager.

7. Partner Shows

- a. An invitation will be sent out by the Schooling Show Committee Chair to assess if any of our Partner Shows may be interested in accepting VADA/Nova Volunteer “Bucks” for entry fees.
- b. If any Partner Shows do wish to participate at their discretion, a communication will be sent out explaining the process of doing so.

8. Publications

- a. Greenbook 2021 Status
 - i. Final draft is near completion.
 - ii. Greenbook needs update to show Rachel Rice in charge of Membership.

- b. Newsletter – A proposal was put forward to offer a half day of volunteer time to members who contribute content to the newsletter. The Board agreed that this would be a great way to encourage members, and trainers who are members, to submit content. A motion was made to approve, seconded, and passed. An amended motion was put forward that Volunteer “Bucks” should also be awarded along with days (at the half-day \$5 level) for equity with volunteering at shows/clinics, etc. After Board discussion, the amended motion to include Volunteer “Bucks” was seconded, and the Board passed.

9. Education/Clinics

- a. Judges’ Roundtable will be via Zoom on March 24. Alison Head will be the clinician, and will be free and open to licensed judges, “L” grads and current “L” program participants. A 2nd session open to all members via Zoom will be held at a date to be determined later in the Spring.
- b. Dressage Camp – the dates are July 28-31, 2021 at Frying Pan Park in Herndon, VA. Jim Koford is confirmed as a clinician, and Debbie Rodriguez’ confirmation as a clinician is pending. Once a budget is drawn up for this clinic, a USDF grant application will be submitted.
- c. Additional Virtual trainings/activities to be considered:
 - i. Scribe Training- electronic scribing in the near future is a distinct possibility and likely, especially for 2022. The Board agreed that specialized training will be needed.
 - ii. Trivia Night and possible other virtual trainings and activities are still in the research and discussion stages

10. Other Business

- a. **June 26-27 Youth Team Challenge Competition @ HITS Culpeper, hosted by the Lehigh Valley Dressage Association**
 - i. A proposal was put forward to the Board that VADA/Nova should encourage the formation of youth teams, either through VADA/Nova, or by our show Partners. No memberships to any organizations are required to compete or to put together a team.
 - ii. Board members will reach out to some trainers and others who are involved in young rider engagement and activities for assistance.
 - iii. This will be advertised in an upcoming newsletter and on FaceBook

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:45pm